

disposition of the motion to dismiss. On March 31, 2021, Contestant Hart announced she would withdraw her contest. A letter of withdrawal from Contestant Rita Hart, mailed on March 31, 2021, was transmitted to the Committee on House Administration by the Clerk of the House on April 8, 2021.

After a review of House and Committee precedent in contested elections cases in which the contestant withdraws, I have determined no further House or Committee action is required to dismiss the contest. The contestant's letter of withdrawal was entered into the record of the Committee on House Administration's Markup on April 28, 2021, and the Committee will take no further action on this contest.

Sincerely,

ZOE LOFGREN,
Chairperson.

IN RECOGNITION OF JESÚS MORALES

HON. MARIE NEWMAN

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 28, 2021

Ms. NEWMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor my guest to President Biden's Address to a Joint Session of Congress, Jesús Morales, who is a union hospitality worker in Illinois' Third District and a member of UNITE HERE Local 1. Thanks to the passage of the American Rescue Plan, laid off union workers are now able to stay on their employers' health plans until the fall, providing critical relief to workers like Jesús who was struggling to pay for the daily medicine and care his family needs.

Millions of union workers like Jesús—who have given decades to their work—saw their jobs taken away by this pandemic only to see their employer health plans taken away too. Without work and without relief from their government, these workers struggled between paying their families' urgently needed medicine and putting food on the table. Thanks to the American Rescue Plan, workers like Jesús are now able to stay on their employer's health plans at no cost through the end of September.

Our union workers have given everything to our city and country, and it is time we honor them in return. That is why I am proud to honor Jesús this week as my virtual guest to President Biden's Address to a Joint Session of Congress. We will not stop fighting to ensure our workers and struggling families are receiving the relief they need to survive this pandemic.

IN HONOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY VOLLEYBALL TEAM

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 28, 2021

Mr. BARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Coach Craig Skinner and the members of the University of Kentucky Volleyball Team on winning the 2021 NCAA Division I National Championship. This is the first national title for this outstanding program, located in Lexington, Kentucky.

The Wildcats won the Southeastern Conference for the fourth straight year. Defeating Texas in the title game in Omaha, Nebraska, U.K. ended the season 24–1. These impressive student-athletes stayed focused throughout the 2021 season and earned the championship on April 24th. Madison Lilley was named the tournament's Most Outstanding Player and also the AVCA Player of the Year.

Coach Craig Skinner has led the Volleyball Team at the University of Kentucky since 2005. He was named the AVCA Coach of the Year and brought great excitement to the volleyball program. I thank him for his leadership and his dedication to these student-athletes. He has built an excellent program of which all Kentuckians can be proud.

Congratulations to Coach Skinner, the staff, and all the outstanding members of the 2021 NCAA Division I Volleyball National Championship team

HONORING WILLIAM “BILL” SPRINGER

HON. LARRY BUCSHON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 28, 2021

Mr. BUCSHON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor my dear friend, William “Bill” Springer, for his more than thirty years of work advocating for the betterment of his community.

A true son of Sullivan County, Indiana, Bill, his two sisters, and two brothers were raised in that community. Bill and his beloved wife, Rita, raised their two sons in Sullivan. He demonstrated his dedication to the youth of the community each year by his involvement in annual events like the Easter Egg Hunt at City Park and the annual Halloween Walk Around the Square.

In recent years, Bill has operated the Sullivan County Indiana News on social media, a source that his community has relied on for important local information.

Bill has been dedicated advocate for responsible government. He led his political party for thirty years and assisted with federal, state, and local campaigns. His tireless efforts have helped several people take on leadership roles in Sullivan County.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring William “Bill” Springer, a native son of Sullivan County dedicated to improving the lives and communities of his fellow Hoosiers

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 28, 2021

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I was unable to vote on the Legislative Day of April 19, 2021. For public safety reasons, had I been present for the roll call vote H.R. 1996—SAFE Banking Act of 2021, I would have cast the following vote: Roll Call 120: Yea.

CONGRATULATING DR. SANDRA CARRAWAY ON HER RETIREMENT

HON. RICK W. ALLEN

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 28, 2021

Mr. ALLEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to thank Dr. Sandra Carraway, Superintendent of the Columbia County School System, for her commitment to our students' education, and to congratulate her on her upcoming retirement.

Dr. Carraway has dedicated her life to education, starting as a teacher and working her way up to superintendent. Both the county and school district saw growth while under her leadership, and she will be remembered for always prioritizing the well-being of our students—including in the midst of unprecedented challenges.

She led the school district as it was one of the first in Georgia to reopen following the COVID-19 outbreak. Thanks to her leadership, Columbia County students were able to continue learning and stay on track academically. I know parents are eternally grateful for her actions to get students back in the classroom in such a prompt and safe manner.

Congratulations, Dr. Carraway, on an incredible career. I wish her the very best as she enters a well-deserved retirement

CELEBRATING THE RETIREMENT OF MICHAEL SPELLMAN

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 28, 2021

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the outstanding 34-year career in public safety of the City of Groton Police Chief Michael Spellman. Chief Spellman recently announced his retirement, after serving the public as a member of law enforcement in various capacities including resident state trooper for 25 years, followed by a stint as a detective in the statewide narcotics squad, and culminating in his appointment to the Chief of the Groton force. Throughout that long tenure he upheld the highest standards of ethics, professionalism, and compassion, never losing focus on his mission “to protect and serve.”

A lifelong proud resident of the Pawcatuck section of Stonington, Michael is a proud alumnus of Stonington High School where he was involved in student government, a multi-sport Varsity letterman, and an honorable mention as an Offensive Guard on the 1980 New Haven Register All State Team. Michael demonstrated his leadership skills early in life and took his talents to Central Connecticut State University where he would earn his B.A. in political science and public administration.

After earning his degree, Michael decided to dedicate himself to working on the front lines to protect the public as a law enforcement officer. In 1987, Michael graduated from the 96th Training Troop of The Connecticut State Police—the rest, they say, is history. Starting his career as a state trooper at Troop E in Montville, Michael served the community as a state police officer in East Lyme, Danielson, and Meriden. While simultaneously working as

a state trooper—Michael was also active in several community coalitions including the Quality-of-Life Task Force, The Women's Center of Northeast Connecticut Community Partnership Team, the statewide Casino Unit, among many other organizations. His hard work and dedication was rewarded when he was named State Police Troop Commander in Colchester, where he took command over 100 sworn and civilian employees providing primary law enforcement for 11 municipalities and a population of over 100,000. Between 2010 and 2014, Michael briefly departed the realm of public service to join the private sector as a security consultant. Heeding the call back to public service, however, Michael joined Groton's local force as a patrol officer in 2014. As was expected with his extensive background—he climbed the ranks to Chief in 2017, going on to work as a critical asset in furthering Groton City Police Department's mission to ensure the safety and protection of our citizens.

In his time as Chief of Groton Police Michael transformed the impact and culture of the local police force. His community policing style connected the department and members of the public in a way that allowed officers to work in tandem with citizens to tackle issues together. Under Michael's leadership the department also underwent an era of modernization, including joining the state radio system, implementing body cameras, de-escalation training, and hiring the first ALEC (Autism and Law Enforcement Education Coalition) certified instructor in Connecticut. These milestones exemplify only a small degree of what has been accomplished under Michael's leadership. For further example, in 2016 Michael made national headlines when he led the rescue mission to save a woman who accidentally drove her car into the Thames River. This act garnered Michael and two fellow officers the department's Lifesaving Award. One of my most memorable experiences as a Congress-

man was joining Chief Spellman for a ride along in the city a couple of years ago. He showed me parts of the community that were experiencing difficulty with the opioid crisis, and I saw him in action personally checking for the health and safety of some of the more vulnerable citizens who clearly regarded him as a friend and neighbor, not a threatening outsider. Police work is a difficult balancing act for even the most talented experienced officers, and he showed me his almost effortless skill in mastering that balance.

Michael amassed a multitude of accolades and awards throughout his career including MADD awards for DWI enforcement and education, the Women's Center of NECT Connecticut Crisis Center Distinguished Professional Award, five Outstanding Service Medals, three Unit Citations, and many other recognitions. A heavily decorated career such as Chief Spellman's represents his true commitment to keeping the community safe. One final comment I would like to share is that Chief Spellman comes from a family in which public service is an honored tradition. His late father James, Senior was a longtime first selectman of Stonington who made a huge positive difference in southeastern Connecticut. His brothers also have been pillars in the community in various local and state offices and endeavors. I truly believe that his dad would be immensely proud of them all and applaud Michael's departure on his own terms with a sterling reputation that upholds the family's legacy.

Madam Speaker, now, in May 2021, we sadly say goodbye to Michael's conscientious leadership. As he steps down from his post as Chief, we can only go on to hope that the example of his leadership will pass down to future generations within the Groton Police Department. I want to congratulate Michael on a civic service career spanning thirty-four years, and with this congratulations I ask the Chamber join me in appreciating Groton Police

Chief Michael Spellman and his dedication to serving the public. We thank Michael for everything he has done as a first responder. Best wishes to him for a joyful retirement and I wish his wife Heather Buffinton and two children, Michael and Hannah, continued happiness, and success.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, April 29, 2021 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MAY 12

10 A.M.

Committee on Appropriations

To hold hearings to examine domestic violent extremism in America.

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